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February 25, 1962 - Sunday

It snowed today. I stayed in the house and finished reading the revision of my book made by Miss Nicholl for Bobbs Merrill & Co. The idea is to diminish its length by one-third. Thisshe has accomplished through massive excisions.

February 26, 1962 - Monday

Col. Dyer, the new Military Attache, whom I met in Washington, formally called on me this morning. Next, I received a delegation consisting of Mrs. Jean Hall, Mrs. Daphne English, Mrs. Patricia Turpin, and Mrs. Ruth Murray. They presented me with a petition addressed to the President, protesting against the resumption of nuclear tests, the use of Christmas Island in this connection, and calling for a resumption of negotiations for the reduction of armaments. We had a pleasant conversation. I liked them all; they were so unlike the members of the other protesting delegations who have called here. I explained as best I could what steps we have taken over a period of years in attempting to implement exactly what they favored, and why our efforts have failed.

I lunched with Sir John Senter, at the Middle Temple. Before going to the dining hall, I took sherry with his wife and himself in their beautiful top floor flat in the Temple complex. From his study window, one gets a view of the Thames. We sat at a long table, with Benchers, all of whom were lawyers or judges. The surroundings were delightful, as was the talk.

The Iranian Ambassador, Mr. Mohsen Rais, called on me. He has served here before in the same capacity, and has also been Ambassador to Paris, Berlin, and elsewhere. For a year he was Minister for Foreign Affairs. Now 66, he has spent his life in his country's diplomatic service. I liked him.

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